



The Elkhart Jazz Festival – Where Jazz Lovers Meet Jazz Legends!

What do you get when you combine one three-day weekend in June ...

- More than 150 top jazz musicians ...
- Seven simultaneous stages (all within easy walking distance) ...
- 30,000 jazz enthusiasts from across the country and around the world?

The 2006 Elkhart Jazz Festival, produced by the Elkhart Centre.

The Elkhart Jazz Festival, approaching its 20th anniversary, does not only bring downtown Elkhart vibrantly to life, but also produces a documented impact to the local economy of more than \$ 1 million. The Elkhart Jazz Festival would not have been made possible without the dedicated efforts of a steering committee of more than 35 corporate and civic leaders as well as individuals – plus the volunteer efforts of more than 500 individuals throughout the festival weekend.

By strategically using empty buildings on Elkhart's Main Street as stages – or headquarters, as it did in 2006 – it proved to be cost effective. The Elkhart Jazz Festival has “set the stage” for finding new owners for several vacant buildings on Main Street over the years. The Elkhart Centre produced and packaged the Elkhart Jazz Festival in a way that not only focuses on Elkhart's downtown, but provides a far greater, positive ripple-effect throughout the entire community.

